

**Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2012**

In Attendance:

Greg LoBuono, co-vice chair
Greg Sunday, co-vice chair
Dave Colteryahn
Veronica Craig
Mike Lane
Ben Strickler, Parks and Recreation Representative
Bob Breen, Parks Board Liaison

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by co-vice chair Greg LoBuono.

Minutes: Meeting minutes for November 2, 2011 were approved without any corrections.

Standing Business

Correspondence and Articles: Dave shared two articles – one about the Huffman family's property donation and another about the appearance of the Asian longhorned beetle in our area.

Veronica found a list of alternative choices to some of the messier trees.

Ben included Jim Bell's quarterly EAB update in this month's meeting packet.

EC Activity Hours: Greg L/1.5, Dave/2, Greg S/2, Liz/.5, Veronica/3.

Adopt-a-Roadway: Mike Lane's daughter will handle the January/February clean-up to earn community service hours for school.

Parks Board Report

Bob explained that last month's meeting was held early in anticipation of acceptance of the Huffman property, as Council needed to vote to take possession. Unfortunately, the project ran over budget after the bids came in. The Huffman family graciously approved additional funds to cover the difference.

There was also a vote on the leasing issue for golf carts. Lastly, Don Hassler resigned, and the Board appointed Marty Judd to fill the empty seat.

Parks Department Report

Website Update: Ben included the stats for November and December in the meeting packet. Viewership was pretty consistent for the two months. Ben is in the process of updating the website.

Other Business

Friends of Fairfield's Forest Award: In the past, this was presented at a January or February City Council Meeting. However, this year the venue will be April's Volunteer Dinner. Ben will put out a press release. He included a copy of the application form in the meeting packet and asked that EC members start considering nominees.

EAB Management Plan Review: Ben supplied EC members with a draft reflecting changes in verb tenses, an updated appendix, and new information reflecting advances in treatment. Also, a section labeled “Tree Care Strategy” has been added, and this includes a paragraph suggesting in-house tree care training. Ben has requested an updated list of approved contractors.

Dave made one correction to the current draft: Under the section “Ash Removal Plan,” the phrase “dead, dying and diseased” should be “dead, dying and infested.

Ben sent a copy of the draft to Wendi for review.

Miscellaneous: The evergreens have been replanted on Winton Road and on Carousel.

Dave is still checking into locating disease-resistant crab apple trees and will report back to the Commission when he finds a source.

Ordinance Review: Discussion was tabled at this time.

Calendar:

Parks Board Meeting – January 10, 2012 at 5:30 pm, CAC

EC Meeting – Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 6:00 pm, CAC

Adjournment: at 7:05 pm.